# An Introduction to the Indiana Invasive Species Council



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# Why We Should Care: Economic and Environmental Costs of Invasive Species (IS)



Worldwide, costs attributed to damage from IS are \$1.4 trillion per year - nearly 5% of the world's GNP.

- To date, about 5,000 types of alien plants are found in US ecosystems.
- Alien weeds invade **1,730,000** acres of wildlife habitat per year in the US.
- There are 180 non-indigenous aquatic species in the Great Lakes ecosystem 15% cause serious harm.
- Invasive species cost the US \$138 billion per year.
- In the US, approximately 9% of forest products worth a total of \$7 billion per year - are lost as a result of non-native plant pathogens.
  - \$13.5 billion per year for production pests
  - \$1.5 billion per year for lawns, gardens, golf courses
  - No good estimates for costs in natural systems

### **Formation of the Council**

On April 20, 2009, **Governor Mitch Daniels** signed into law legislation creating the state **Invasive Species Council.** 

This action was based on the recommendation of a task force established by a joint House and Senate

committee.



#### **Council Members**

#### 6 designated by legislation

- Sara Christensen, representing the Indiana Agriculture Director, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- Bill Fielding, representing the Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation
- Dr. Sandi Norman, representing the Indiana State Veterinarian, Indiana State Board of Animal Health
- Doug Keller, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Phil Marshall, Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources' Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology
- Steve Yaninek, representing the Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University, Council Secretariat, (Council Chairman)

#### **Council Members**

#### 5 appointed by the Governor

- Philip Gramelspacher, Past President, Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association, representing industry
- Kristopher Krouse, Executive Secretary, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, representing land trusts, conservation and/or parks and recreation organizations
- Stuart Lowry, Director, Indianapolis Parks and Recreation, representing land trusts, conservation and/or parks and recreation organizations
- John Jachetta, Scientist, Dow AgroSciences, representing research
- Open position, representing industry

## **Duties of the Council**

- Recommend project priorities, funding, and rules and laws
- Identify lead agencies to develop useful inventories and databases.
- Communicate with agencies and organizations outside of Indiana to enhance consistency and effectiveness.
- Coordinate education and outreach activities.
- Plan and conduct a public informational meeting every 2 years

### **Duties of the Council**

- Help government agencies review and correct policies and procedures.
- Help state agencies be accountable for their actions.
- Receive and manage reports from all governmental agencies that act on the council's recommendations.
- Apply for and provide grants for education and management of invasive species.

## **How the IISC Operates**

- Conduct annual public meetings quarterly the first year.
- Form working groups to address specific issues.
- Develop education and outreach initiatives.
- Host a statewide conference every two years.
- Present issues and receive input from public.



#### **Current Priorities of the IISC**

- Fill the open industry position on the Council.
- Explore funding opportunities.
- Communicate the roles and responsibilities of the Council to stakeholders and the public.
- Report on Council activities to the Natural Resource Study Committee by June, 2011.
- Develop a long-term strategic plan.
- Review existing weed laws in Indiana.
- Develop an education and outreach advisory committee.



# Current IISC Working Groups and Advisory Committees

- IISC Conference Working Group
- Communications and Website Working Group
- Data Collection and Management Working Group

- Invasive Plant Advisory Committee
- Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee
- Education and Outreach Advisory Committee





#### Invasive Plant Advisory Committee

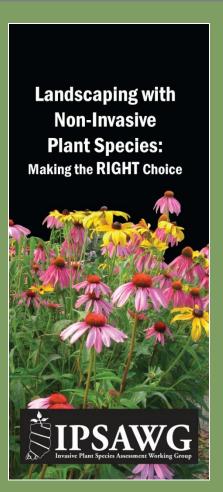
- Chaired by Ellen Jacquart, Director of Stewardship for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana
- IISC member Kris Krouse, Executive Director of Shirley Heinze Land Trust, is the IISC liaison for this committee
- Working on two main projects creating an invasive plant list for Indiana and developing Best Management Practices for government agencies to implement to reduce introduction and movement of invasive species.



#### Creating an Invasive Plant List for Indiana

Don't we already have one?

- Why do we need one?
  - Education
  - Regulation



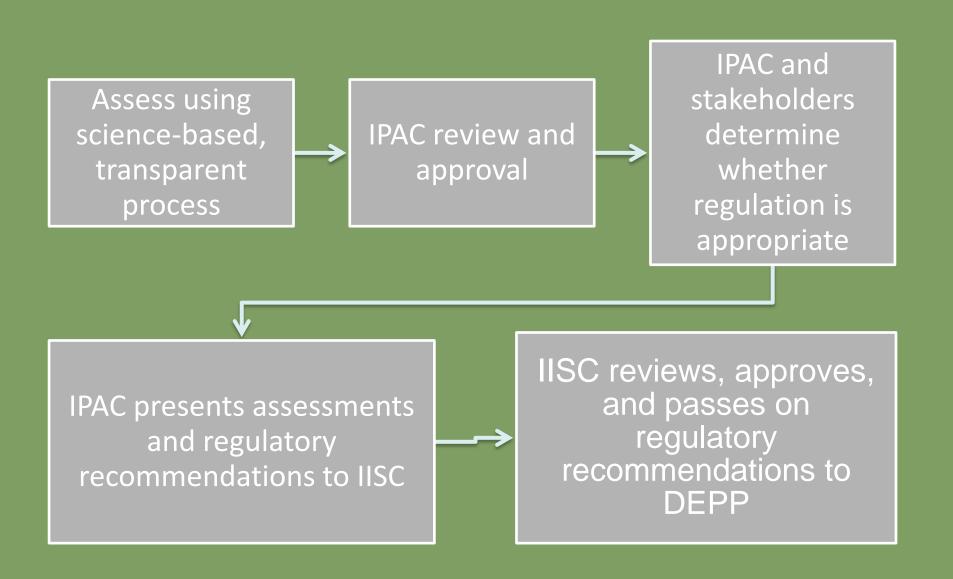


## Regulating Invasive Plants in Indiana – Jurisdiction Over Invasive Species

Agency	Code	Authority over:	Defined as:		
rigency	Code	Over:	An arthropod, nematode, microorganism,		
			fungus, parasitic plant, mollusk, plant		
			disease, or exotic weed that may be		
			injurious to nursery stock, agricultural		
DNR - Division of			crops, other vegetation, or bees (per IC 14-		
Entomology and		Pests and	8-2-203). Purple loosestrife, multiflora		
Plant Pathology	14-24-2-1	pathogens	rose, kudzu, Brazilian elodea, hydrilla		
Office of Indiana					
State Chemist and	15-15-1-14,	Noxious	Prohibited and restricted noxious weed		
Seed Commissioner	18, 20, 25	weed seeds	seeds are listed at IC 15-16-7-2		
		Noxious	Canada thistle, Johnson grass, bur		
County Weed Boards	15-16-7-2	weeds	cucumber and shattercane		
		Detrimental	Canada thistle, Johnson grass, Sorghum		
Township Trustees	15-3-4-2 ,6	plants	alumum, bur cucumber and shattercane		



#### Creating an Invasive Plant List for Indiana





#### www.invasivespecies.in.gov

May 4, 2003 template version

#### OFFICIAL Assessment of Lonicera maackii, morrowii, tatarica, and x bella in Indiana's Natural Areas Answers are underlined

#### Contents of the Assessment:

Section I - Invasion Status. Pages 1 - 2. Determines whether the species being evaluated is invasive in Indiana.

Section II - Ecological Impacts of Invasion. Pages 2 - 3. Evaluates the significance of impacts of the species.

Section III - Potential for Expansion. Pages 3 - 4. Evaluates the actual and/or potential expansion of the species.

Section IV - Difficulty of Management. Pages 4 - 5. Evaluates how hard it is to control the invasive species.

Section V - Commercial Value. Page 5. Evaluates how valuable the species is economically in Indiana.

Questions in Sections I – V may direct you to one or more of the following sections for particular invasive species: Section A. Page 6. For species not currently invasive, assesses threat of genetic invasion and identifies species that have potential to cause future problems

Section B. Page 7. For species which have impacts limited to a few sites, assesses the potential for further spread. Section C. Page 7. For species which have medium impacts but high value, assesses whether species could be used in specific circumstances that would prevent escape and invasion.

A worksheet for use with the assessment is found on page 8.

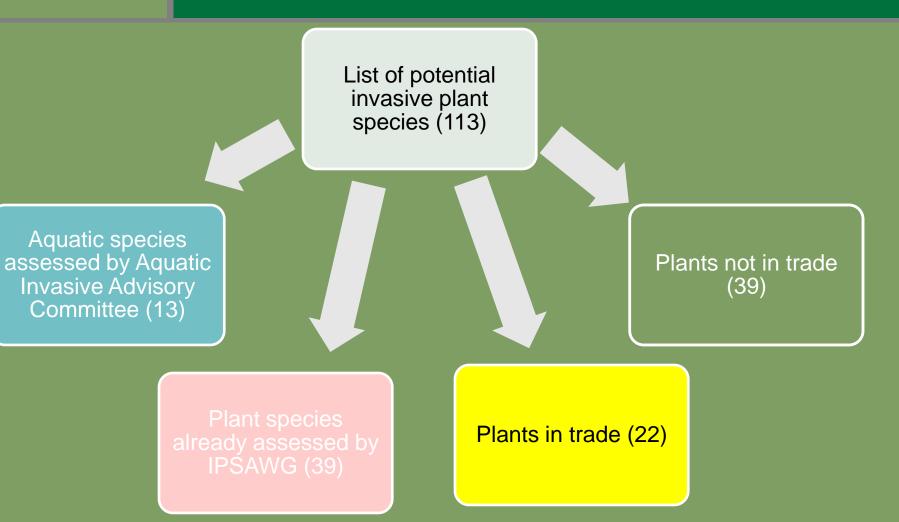
#### Automatic Exemption From the Assessment

Is this species listed on any federal or state noxious, or prohibited plant lists?

If YES then do not proceed with assessment but indicate a conclusion of



## Four Assessment Pathways to Create Indiana Invasive Plant List



Invasive Plant Advisory Committee



#### **Draft Invasive Plant List**

Plant species in trade already assessed through IPSAWG - to be reviewed

Plant species in trade already assessed through Aquatic Invasive Plants Working Groups

Plant species in trade to be assessed using IPSAWG process

Not highlighted are plant species that are not in trade, to be assessed using NY assessment tool

Common Name	Latin Name	Growth Form	Level of invasion in IN (0=none, 3=high)*	In trade? (bold = very popular)
Norway maple	Acer platanoides	tree	1	yes
Japanese chaff flower	Achyranthes japonica	forb	1	no
snow on the mountain	Aegopodium podagraria	forb	1	yes
tree of heaven	Ailanthus altissima	tree	2	no
garlic mustard	Alliaria petiolata	forb	3	no
black alder	Alnus glutinosa	tree	1	yes
porcelain berry small carpgrass	Ampelopsis brevipendunculata  Anthraxon hispidus	vine grass	1	yes no
Japanese barberry	Berberis thunbergii	shrub	2	ves
common barberry	Berberis vulgaris	shrub	1	yes
smooth brome	Bromus inermis	grass	1	yes
butterfly bush	Buddleja davidii	shrub	0	yes
flowering rush	Butomus umbellatus	forb	1	yes
narrowleaf bittercress	Cardamine impatiens	forb	1	no
musk thistle	Carduus nutans	forb	2	no
Asian bittersweet	Celastrus orbiculatus	vine	2	yes
spotted knapweed	Centaurea biebersteinii	forb	2	no
yellow star thistle	Centaurea solstitialis	forb	1	no

# INDIANA INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT WORKING GROUP

DOUG KELLER
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
COORD.
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

# GRIFFY LAKE INVADED BY BRAZILIAN ELODEA

- LIKELY AN AQUARIUM DUMP
- FIRST OBSERVED IN 2002 BUT NOT REPORTED
- DNR DISCOVERED IN 2004
- FIRST PUBLIC WATER
   POPULATION REPORTED
   IN MIDWEST



## **GRIFFY LAKE - COSTS**

 '06 and '07 WHOLE-LAKE CHEMICAL TREATMENT

NON-DETECTABLE SINCE SPRING '07

DECLARED ERADICATED FALL '09

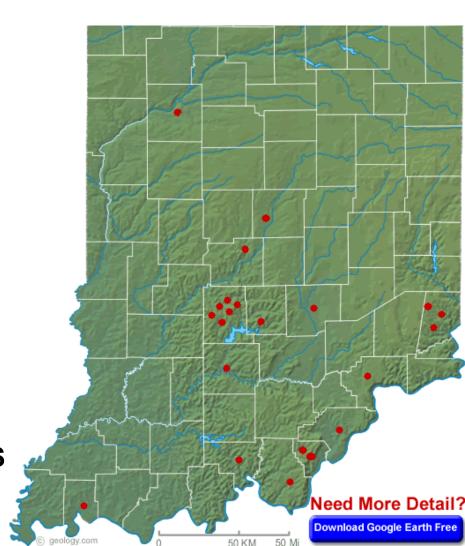
\$150,000 FOR 109 ACRE LAKE (\$1380/AC)
 IN TREATMENT AND SURVEYS

# BRAZILIAN ELODEA IN INDIANA

#### 22 POPULATIONS

- 10 ERADICATED
- 8 UNDER MANAGEMENT
- 4 NO ACTION

- 2 STATE MANAGED WATER
- 1 STATE WATER GARDEN
- 17 PRIVATE PONDS <2 acres</p>
- 2 PRIVATE LAKES 12-40 ACRES



# MESERVE LAKE PARROT FEATHER (Myriophyllum aquaticum)



## MESERVE LAKE PARROT FEATHER ERADICATION PROJECT

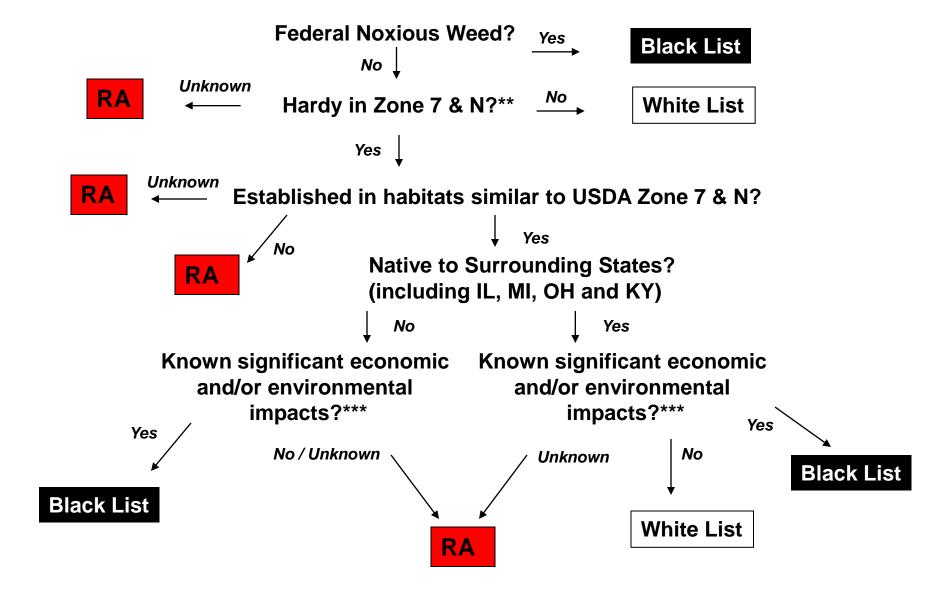
- REPORTED TO DNR SUMMER 2008
- BEGIN TREATING FALL 2008
- NUMEROUS TREATMENTS IN 2009
- MONITORING AND HAND REMOVAL 2010 (ONE FRAGMENT FOUND)
- \$42,400 SPENT TO DATE
  - NEARLY \$2,400 PER ACRE!!!



# AQUATIC PLANT WORKING GROUP ACTIVE PARTICIPANT GROUPS

- IL-IN SEA GRANT
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- INVASIVE SPECIES CONSULTANT (3)
- AQUATIC PLANT GROWER (2)
- AQUARIUM RETAIL
- WATER GARDEN RETAIL OWNER/DESIGNER
- INDIANA NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSN

#### Process model for non-native herbaceous aquatic plants\*:



# AQUATIC WEED RISK ASSESSMENT

- MODIFIED NEW ZEALAND AQUATIC WEED RISK ASSESSMENT
  - VERSATILITY TEMP, HABITAT, SUBSTRATE, CLARITY, pH
  - HABITAT PREFERRED LAKE, RIVER, WETLAND
  - POTENTIAL FOR SPREAD METHODS OF SPREAD, INCL HUMANS
  - MATURATION RATE
  - SEEDING ABILITY QUANTITY AND VIABILITY
  - CLONING ABILITY
  - OBSTRUCTION PHYSICAL OR AESTHETIC
  - DAMAGE TO NATURAL AREAS
  - OTHER UNDESIRABLE TRAITS HUMAN HEALTH, AG WEED
  - RESISTANCE TO MANAGEMENT
  - INVASIVENESS BEYOND NATIVE RANGE

## **NEXT STEPS**

- PROPOSE BLACK LIST THAT GROUP AGREED WERE INVASIVE
- FINISH RUNNING SPECIES THROUGH RISK ASSESSMENT
- PROPOSE WHITE/BLACK LISTINGS WHEN ALL SPECIES KNOWN TO OCCUR IN TRADE HAVE BEEN EVALUATED

# EXOTIC INVASIVE INSECTS AND DISEASES

# IEFPAC Indiana Exotic Forest Pest Advisory Committee

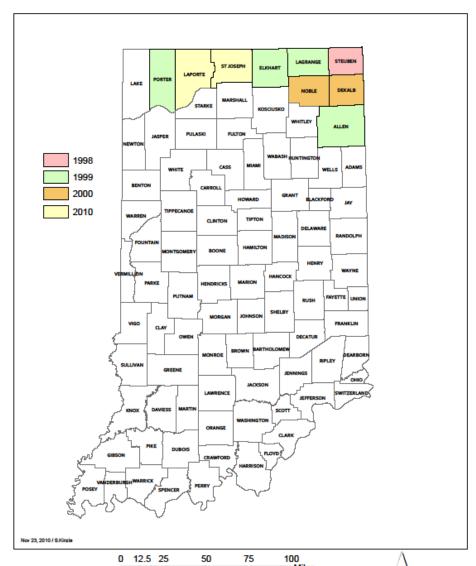
## Gypsy Moth

- First Male Moth found in Lake County in 1973
- 9 counties currently quarantined

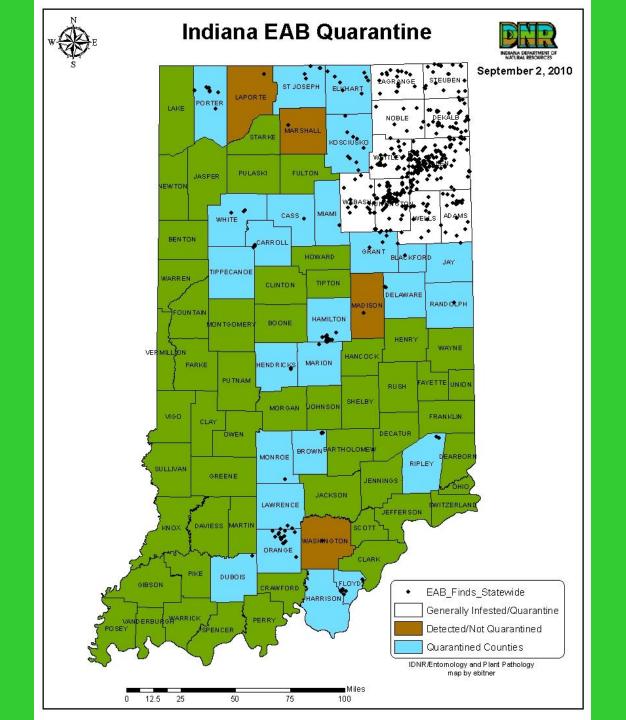


#### **Indiana Gypsy Moth Quarantine**











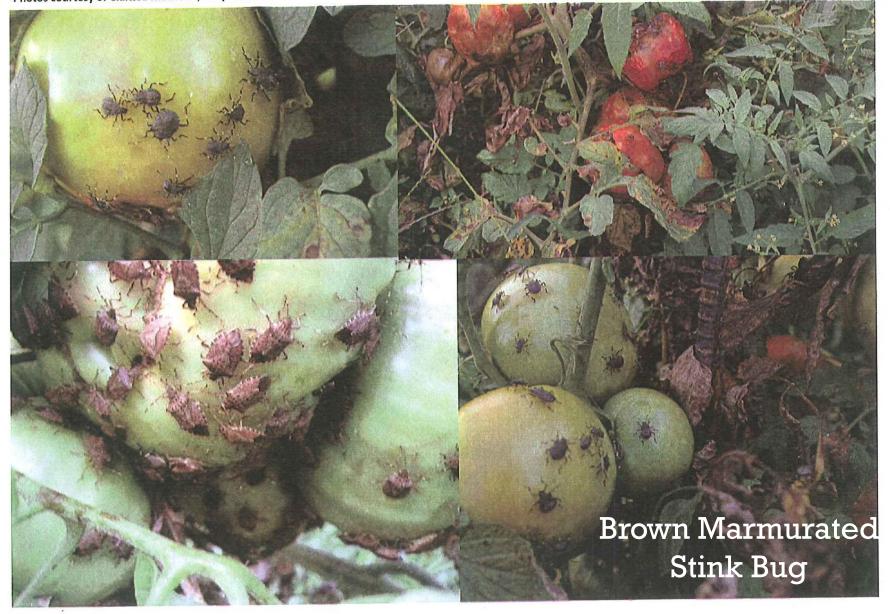
race 3 biovar 2



Gerantum plant infected by R. solanacearum R. 3, B. 2, exhibiting southern wilt symptoms.

### Tomato Nymphal and Adult Feeding Early-Mid August 2010

Photos courtesy of Clarissa Mathews, Shepherd Univ. and Ames Herbert, VA Tech.



## Sudden Oak Death

- Phytophthora ramorum
- Problem mostly in the western US
  - California, Oregon,Washington
- Many hosts
  - Oak, Maple, Beech,Buckeye, Willow,Rhododendrons, etc..
- Movement in Nursery plants



## Asian Longhorn Beetle

Native to Asia

Feed on Maple, Horsechestnut, Elm, Poplar,

Willow, Black Locust, etc...

Currently found in New York,

New Jersey and Massachuse

Eradicated in Chicago, IL





# Hemlock Woolly Adelgid













## LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH LBAM

- Native to Australia
- First detected in California in 2007
  - Only known to occur in CA and HI
- Feed on over 1000 plants
  - Including Oak, Poplar,
    - Willow, Pine,
      Persimmon, Apple
      and Hawthorn



## Laurel Wilt: Disease Cycle & Symptoms

### Dark sapwood discoloration











Gold Spotted Oak Borer



Oak Splendor Beetle





#### How to become involved in the IISC

### Visit the IISC Website where you can:

- Information about invasive species in Indiana
- Contact the Council with comments and suggestions
- Find notices of upcoming public meetings
- Become a member of an IISC Work Group

www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/



















